# Podilymbus podiceps (Pied-billed Grebe)

Report Date: January 13, 2016

**Priority 3 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)** 

Class: Aves (Birds)

Order: Podicipediformes (Grebes)
Family: Podicipedidae (Grebes)

#### **General comments:**

Fewer than 400 individuals but scattered among 75-100 sites - pop seems stable

## **Species Conservation Range Maps for Pied-billed Grebe:**

Town Map: Podilymbus podiceps\_Towns.pdf
Subwatershed Map: Podilymbus podiceps\_HUC12.pdf

### **SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:**

**Risk of Extirpation: NA** 

State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern: NA

**Recent Significant Declines: NA** 

**Regional Endemic: NA** 

### **High Regional Conservation Priority:**

Northeast Endangered Species and Wildlife Diversity Technical Committee:

Risk: Yes, Data: Yes, Area: No, Spec: No, Warrant Listing: No, Total Categories with "Yes": 2

**North American Waterbird Conservation Plan:** 

High Concern

**United States Birds of Conservation Concern:** 

Bird of Conservation Concern in Bird Conservation Regions 14 and/or 30: Yes

**High Climate Change Vulnerability: NA** 

Understudied rare taxa: NA

Historical: NA

**Culturally Significant: NA** 

## **Habitats Assigned to Pied-billed Grebe:**

### Formation Name Freshwater Marsh

Macrogroup Name Coastal Plain Pond
Macrogroup Name Emergent Marsh

Macrogroup Name Modified-Managed Marsh

# **Stressors Assigned to Pied-billed Grebe:**

No Stressors Currently Assigned to Pied-billed Grebe or other Priority 3 SGCN.

# **Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Pied-billed Grebe:**

No Species Specific Conservation Actions Currently Assigned to Pied-billed Grebe or other Priority 3 SGCN.

### Conservation Actions Associated with the Marsh birds Guild:

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**Conservation Action** Category: Survey and Monitoring Biological Priority: high Type: new Implement targeted surveys to better understand the distribution and status of this species and to help direct conservation actions to newly documented populations

### Stressor(s) Addressed By This Conservation Action

Lack of knowledge

Conservation Action Category: Habitat Management Biological Priority: high Type: new

Work with landowners to maximize hemi-marsh conditions and maintain stable water levels.

#### Stressor(s) Addressed By This Conservation Action

Dams and Water Management-Use

Conservation Action Category: Species Management Biological Priority: moderate Type: new

Work with landowners to develop and post signs or other strategies for discouraging recreational users from disturbing nesting birds

### Stressor(s) Addressed By This Conservation Action

**Recreational Activities** 

### **Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:**

Additional relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

#### **Habitat Based Conservation Actions:**

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.